

Council to discuss Mahathir's sacking remark

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KUALA LUMPUR: The statement by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Pakatan Harapan can sack him as prime minister will be discussed during PKR's presidential council meeting, says the party's communications director Fahmi Fadzil.

However, he felt there was nothing more to Dr Mahathir's statement than a "witty quip".

"I think that's just a statement that he has made.

"It's a very witty statement, and I think the leaders will be discussing this matter very thoroughly on Saturday during the presidential council meeting," he told reporters

at Parliament House yesterday.

On Wednesday, Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying that Pakatan is free to "sack" him as the prime minister if it feels this is the best direction for the coalition.

He was responding to a question of whether he believed a power transition now was necessary to address the problems faced by Pakatan that led to its disastrous loss in the Tanjung Piai by-election.

Fahmi said the decision whether Dr Mahathir should stay on as prime minister should not cause unnecessary problems to the government.

"At the same time, we need to carry out the corrective measures in Tanjung Piai. This is a good opportunity to take stock of the performances of MPs, of ministers and of the Cabinet, and see how we can make good our promises and to deliver them," Fahmi said.

Meanwhile, the Sarawak PKR convention will take place as scheduled this Saturday, says party secretary-general Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

"We will proceed with the convention on Nov 23 as arranged, as the decision to hold the convention at the state level was made at the

central leadership political bureau. All the states have been given the schedules (for their conventions).

"If there are dissenting views, they should be brought up to the party's central leadership and the political bureau meetings, and then a decision can be made. Until that process takes place, we will continue with the convention on Nov 23," he said after attending the opening of the revamped Aeon Taman Maluri shopping centre in Cheras.

Saifuddin was commenting on media reports that the Sarawak PKR leadership had refused to budge from its decision not to hold

the state-level party convention on Saturday.

On PKR youth wing deputy chief Muhammad Hilman Idham's insistence that the party's youth national convention on Dec 6 in Melaka should be opened by Azmin, Saifuddin again said that such decisions should be discussed during party meetings, especially at the party's central leadership and political bureau meetings.

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